

PROCLAMATION COLORECTAL AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2013

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second most diagnosed cancer among men and women in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, about 140 North Dakotans die from colorectal cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, there are often no symptoms of colorectal cancer; however, regular screenings can reduce the number of deaths from the disease by detecting cancerous or precancerous conditions early, when treatment is most effective; and

WHEREAS, if everyone 50 years of age or older had regular screening tests, as many as 60 percent of deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2013, **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger

Secretary of State